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THE CHOSEN MAN.

If the machine nominates a candidate, it is generally for how much he can put up, or have put up in his behalf, either for nomination or election. If the people of the party nominate him, it is because they believe him to be brave and reliable, able, and have confidence that his personal character and "winning ways" will secure success. Of course, "the cause," or platform, decides some for or against the man, and other considerations enter more or less into the matter; but on one or the other the first named grounds every candidate is nominated, according as he is chosen by will of the party officials, leaders and bosses, or by the voters who have no axes to grind. The latter may not be the ablest man, nor the strongest, nor the best; but if he is preferred by the people he is the right man, though he be defeated; for if the people do not nominate their choice, they can have no choice, as they must vote, in any event, for someone in whose selection they have no voice at all.

It is for this reason that Mr. Bryan should be nominated again for President next year: he is the choice of the people. It is for this reason that he will be nominated next year: he is the choice of the people; and that so plainly and so strongly that none dare defy or mistake that choice. Principle and expediency, too, we think, reinforce the popular choice. He is the right man in the right place, until he attains the more deserved and suitable place, the actual Presidency of the United States. No man, since Jefferson, has been more Democratic in principle, practice and manners; no man more honest; few so able or eloquent; none more true and brave; and the people trust him as the champion of the rights of man with an enthusiasm never surpassed and a devotion never equalled. That he is not the candidate of the politicians is to his credit, as the politicians, led by Cleveland and his set, had battered Democracy for place and pelf and betrayed the people to the spoilers. With Bryan, we shall as a people have more power, more liberty, more rights and interests, more money, more prosperity and happiness, more peace and more purity and patriotism!

JUST THINK SO, AND IT IS.

Here are examples of the contradictions of life: Little Hattie Leach, saying that it was less painful to drown than to burn to death, persuaded her father to jump overboard with her from the burning steamboat Nutmeg State, and both were saved; per contra, Mr. Mather and his wife had several little girls and a baby on the boat, and but for Mrs. Mather, he would have jumped overboard with the baby, to save it. All remained aboard until taken off safely by another boat.

McKinley is working the old flag out West, in his own behalf, to the best of his ability, and in the far East, with Otis, he is playing the same game with the stars and stripes; but he endeavors to lift his base among the stars, while he applies the stripes to the Filipinos. It is noticed, however, that neither he nor any of his tooters seem to know of our Declaration of Independence, either with respect to its grand and glorious principles, or its recital of wrongs that he is imitating on the island of Luzon. Let us hope, at any rate, that our Bill McKinley is billed for his first and last Presidential performances now.

A REPUBLICAN OUTLOOK.

An article in the current "Forum" by Senator J. C. Burrows, of Michigan, is of special interest to politicians of both sides because in it his apparent drift is to show, that let the State elections go as they may this fall, they will not affect the result of the Presidential election next year. Sometime ago the Senator, in an interview, expressed strong apprehension of Republican success in 1900 unless a speedy change took place in our military operations and prospects for the better; and that is now recalled in connection with the Forum article, especially by Republicans who resent and repudiate the Senator's views, as concurring with the latter in presaging a Republican national defeat in the next general election. One paper remarks: "Evidently, the gentleman from Michigan has prepared himself for the worst." A writer in the N. Y. Tribune, commenting on that, says:

"Presumptively, in other words, Senator Burrows believes privately that the fall elections will go against the Republicans, and is endeavoring to make the anticipated fall as easy as possible." To sustain what seems to be his pessimistic conclusions, or suggestions, from his Republican standpoint, the Senator apparently regards the Philippine situation as very unfortunate for his party and the administration, drawing something of a parallel between the disastrous days to the Union cause in 1892 and the present; but though everything, military and political, went dead against Republican hopes in the battles and elections of 1892, the Republicans won a great victory in the Presidential election of 1894, having had a change on the battlefield and at the polls. But a Republican, dissenting from Mr. Burrows through the Tribune, says:

"The influences which may defeat the Republicans now will continue to operate with greater or less force in the Presidential contest. Our tenure will certainly be greatly endangered if we lose Maryland, Ohio, Kentucky and Nebraska, notwithstanding Senator Burrows' optimism. I fully trust in God, but also believe in keeping my powder dry. We must win this year if we may be sure of next."

That so prominent and able a Republican as the Senator from Michigan is alarmed at the outlook, certainly goes far to confirm our own strong hopes; and we are not surprised that the press and politicians of his party unite to condemn Mr. Burrows and his views—some even going so far as to say that he in his interview and article is avenging himself on the administration and McKinley for Alger's supposed adverse labors against him in concert with Pingree—all being from Michigan. This may have some likelihood. Yet in the same degree that the Senator's outgivings may dishearten and enrage Republicans, in the same degree they should delight and encourage Democrats. And certainly Democratic prognostications for this fall and next year are greatly strengthened by Mr. Burrows' seeming concurrence.

Professor George D. Herron, professor of applied Christianity in Iowa College, announces what he evidently considers a new and great discovery. He says: "Evil is, only because we think that it is. It has no reality beyond our belief invests it with. Evil exists because we are stupid enough to come to terms with it. The devil exists because we unconsciously worship him as the real power, when we think we are worshipping God. We have strife, competition, and struggle because we believe in strife, competition and struggle. We have the palace beside the sweatshop, the wretched tenement behind the church, the monstrous lobby in the legislative hall, the swarms of political and commercial parasites on the social body, &c., &c.; but there is no evil but our belief in evil."

That is a very comfortable doctrine, especially when he adds: "The world will finally become just what you make it by your faith." Of course, pessimism is all wrong, and optimism is the true faith which creates heaven whenever and wherever we will. The logical result is that nothing exists except mind and its conceptions. If Prof. Herron means that, his notion is not only a very ancient one, but a very foolish one, as material hard facts can readily make him confess; and, moreover, it is a palpable infringement of Mrs. Eddy's system of faith-cure for the sick, sore, halt, lame, blind, &c., ad adapting it to sin, &c. But Christ never taught that to sin and evil, nor pain and sickness were unreal or imaginary; on the contrary, indeed.

Shakespeare tells us that we cannot cool ourselves "by thinking of the frosty Caucasus," or words to that effect; and one will do better to fill himself with the east wind than to dine with Duke Humphrey at an imaginary feast. If Prof. Herron merely holds that good and evil exist only because we believe that they do, or that one or the other does, it is the highest wisdom to know no evil, to suspect none, fear none, guard against none and accept it all; but we fear the Professor will hardly put up the cash to cover all damages, or be able to organize an insurance company to take his risks and those of others. And really, will the Professor meekly, thankfully and joyfully submit to be robbed and beaten on his theory that he has only to think all experiences are delightful?

McKinley is talking wildly out West, but with a method in his madness that convicts of being ready to do or say "anything to win." The man who allowed and approved the censorship of Otis, is not apt to sacrifice anything for truth in his own political concerns—that is certain; and it may be taken for granted that he will lie "with as liberal a charter as the wind, to blow upon whom he pleases."

BANK NOTE DESPOTISM.

That is what Mr. W. J. Bryan calls it; and yet, like a spoiled child, it is impatient under restraint, and is crying for more—more liberty, more favors. The National Bank Note is prepared by our governmental Treasury Department and then issued to the banks at bare cost of material and work, at a rate of interest, or tax, per year, of one-half of one per cent. Otherwise the note is furnished the banks free; for though these fiduciaries deposit U. S. bonds in the Treasury to secure their bank note circulation, they draw the full interest accruing on these bonds, and are lent, or given, notes from the Treasury, on the terms already described, to the amount of 90 per cent. of the par value of the deposited securities—the bank notes being guaranteed by government, and redeemed by it, if necessary.

The terms to the banks seem to be very favorable and extraordinary; and the simple people who have to pay these same banks on these same notes, at from 6 to 12 per cent. a year on the best gilt-edged securities are somewhat puzzled at objections to a scheme which appears so profitable to the banks, no matter how costly it is to the people. But, see, the Treasury, although it does pay full interest on the bonds deposited and advances to the banks 90 per cent. of the sum of the deposits in guaranteed notes, holds on to the bonds until it and the banks have a settlement;—and the banks know a game worth two of that to them, if they be allowed to play it; for though they are openly asking to be authorized to draw and issue bank notes to the full amount of their deposited bonds, they are steadily scheming to obtain free and unlimited privilege to make, issue, lend and circulate their own notes, unsecured by bonds or anything else; and based wholly on credit.

A wild cat scheme truly! But as these banks have long since deprived the State Banks of all issues, and have largely shown the Treasury issues, it only remains for them to complete their entire and monstrous monopoly of all paper and credit-money by requiring a faithless, fraudulent and servile Congress to further contract our insufficient currency by robbing us of all our Treasury notes by withdrawing and canceling them, by melting down our silver dollars to bullion or to subsidiary coin, and leave the banks monarchs of all they survey—holding, controlling and owning all paper-money, and with no competing money or legal tender, except uncirculating and too costly gold; the people utterly at the mercy of the money mongers.

The despotism, now bad enough, will then be complete; and if Congress do not pass the necessary acts the approaching winter, we shall have them, with additions, if McKinley, Hanna and their money-crow succeed again next year in defrauding the people. No possible prosperity can stand so great a depletion from every vein. The head swells and the body dwindles. Millions multiply and increase; the dollar, like the dodo, is becoming extinct. Labor is starving at its task, and production beholds its wealth amassed and transported into other pockets by a wireless telegraphy.

CALIGULA AND HIS HORSE.

Caligula was one of the most cruel, profligate and infamous of the worst Roman emperors, and he is described as a monster; yet he was but the natural product of unlimited wealth and power, coupled with unbridled licentiousness and accustomed to impunity. He was assassinated at last; but his life is an example of how much tyrants may venture to do, when the people form a habit of obedience and submission. He perpetrated numberless enormities, many of them unspeakable; but among his lighter offences, he made his favorite horse a consul, then a high and honorable officer of Rome; and well would it have been if the horse, instead of Caligula, had been Emperor.

We are apt to think it an absurd and preposterous freak of madness that a horse should be made an officer of dignity and importance; but a little close observation reveals that to-day, and among ourselves, one of the most common incidents is to see asses elevated to high positions, where their bray is heard with much admiration by their kin and kind. Nor need we be surprised if we yet have Caligulas equine Senators and assine public functionaries everywhere in office. We have only to submit, and we may expect every abuse and every imposition.

The McKinley war demands McKinley patriotism, and the President and his Cabinet are preaching it like a syndicate of revivalists. "None genuine, unless branded 'McKinley' and certified by Mark Hanna." The Presidential party, it appears from McKinley's slip up as to the dicker with Spain for the Philippines, and Long's mist allusion to Santiago and Sampson, will have to be carefully censored, or be severely censured, beyond Minneapolis. Patriotism, uncensored and un-Otised, of the McKinley, is not relished in the West when it robs Schley to reward Sampson.

Judging from our exchanges, the world, in these days, has no "God of Battles." Even the religious press, if they claim that there is One, seem to regard Him as neutral. But there is much lively betting on the side which has the most and best artillery, the most men and money, and who contrives to put these, in time, "where they will do the most good."—that is to say, the most harm to the enemy. Nevertheless, it has been said,—and there are wise and good men who believe it, that "the battle is not always to the strong, nor the race to the swift."

In the death of Hon. John T. Harris, of Harrisonburg, Virginia, loses an able lawyer, a staunch patriot, and a very popular citizen, who was a power on the stump in his earlier years with the people. Judge Harris (as he was better known) was in times past a familiar figure in Washington, as he was on the hustings in all Virginia elections for many years, and was greatly respected, as he is much regretted. He served his State diligently, and he will be long remembered as a faithful Virginian and a good man.

There are some Democrats so addicted to opposition to any party everything that the Republican party should embrace the Christian religion, they would immediately become anti-Christians.—Memphis Commercial-Appel (Dem.).

Oh, but know, you might as well say that if the Republicans turn Democrats, the Democrats will turn Republicans; or is it expected that they will become angels?

The general impression is that it was a mean thing in the English not to let the Boers know it, until the last moment, that they intended to fully unuzzle Redvers Buller, and turn him loose on them, unrestrained. We think we hear him, all the way from Africa: "Hold me, Chamberlain! you know my temper!"

Americans who have lost their Americanism are but as salt that has lost its savor—"thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men."

NOTES AND OPINIONS.

(Danville Register.)

Mr. Sterling Morton's expose of Mr. Bryan's avarice is not serving to diminish the crowds that have flocked to hear the great Nebraskan in Kentucky. It looks like a case of the ant and the elephant.

(Wilmington, N. C., Star.)

It is said that Vice-President Hobart's health is such that he will not be a candidate for re-nomination. That was expected. Mr. Roosevelt's health is jam up.

(Petersburg Progress.)

Rear Admiral Sampson reiterates his charges that General Shafter was ignorant of the situation in Cuba, because of lack of proper education, and that it was Captain Chadwick, of the New York, who brought about the surrender of Santiago. It will be remembered that Shafter, at the time, intimated that Sampson was a coward because he refused to take his ships into the harbor of Santiago. Perhaps both are right.

(The Suffolk Herald.)

The proposition of a syndicate, with New York and other foreign capitalists at its back, to buy the Virginia oyster grounds throughout the water of the Commonwealth will hardly prevail. Virginians will never agree to such a proposition. The oyster industry is not only giving employment to thousands of our citizens, but the present system of taxation on private lands is paying the State handsomely, and the revenue will increase each year by this method, which seems satisfactory to all concerned.

(St. Louis Republic.)

Mr. Bryan is undoubtedly logical in the reasoning which led him to decline signing a petition to President McKinley asking that the United States Government use its good offices in bringing about a peaceful settlement of the Transvaal difficulty.

"While I think," said Mr. Bryan, "that this Government should use its good offices to prevent war between England and the Boers, yet I do not care to join in a petition to the President on this subject. Our refusal to recognize the right of the Filipinos to self-government will embarrass us if we express sympathy with those in other lands who are struggling to follow the doctrines set forth in the Declaration of Independence."

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